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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 8-16 and 20-26 remain pending in the application. Claims 20-26 were previously allowed by the Examiner. Applicant, by this paper, cancels claims 1, 3, 5, and 7. Applicant amends claims 8 and 9 to amend the base claim from which they depend. Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendments as the amendments are believed to put the application in condition for allowance.

Interview Summary

A telephonic interview was conducted on November 15, 2005 between Examiner Blane Jackson and Applicant's attorney representative Raymond Hom. Applicant thanks the Examiner for allowing the telephonic interview.

The participants discussed claims 1, 3, 5, 7-16 and 20-26. In particular, the participants discussed an amendment to place the application in condition for allowance. The participants discussed canceling claims 1, 3, 5, and 7 and amending dependent claims 8 and 9 to depend from an allowed claim.

An agreement was reached that the amendment would be entered, and that amending the claim dependencies did not introduce any issues requiring further search and/or consideration.

Discussion of Claim Amendments

Applicant cancels claims 1, 3, 5, and 7. Applicant amends claim 8 to depend from previously allowed claim 20. Applicant amends claim 9 to depend from previously allowed claim 20. Applicant amends the language of claim 9 to conform to the language used in claim 20.

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendments as placing the application in condition for allowance. Claims 20-26 were previously allowed. Claims 8-9 are amended to depend from previously allowed claim 20. Claims 10-16 depend from claim 9 and are believed to be allowable as depending from an allowed base claim.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance and an action to that end is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 858-350-6100.

Respectfully submitted,

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